

HOUSE BILL 2039  
By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,  
Chapter 5, relative to disease management.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by  
inserting the following as a new, appropriately designated section thereto:

The bureau of TennCare shall adopt a state disease management program,  
which may include contracting with a vendor that specializes in the provision of disease  
management services. The disease management program shall be designed to improve  
care to and reduce overall expenditures for TennCare beneficiaries with chronic  
illnesses. The disease management program may include the development of evidence-  
based medical practice guidelines, support services to assist physicians in monitoring  
their patients, more closely managed patient care including management of the proper  
use of prescription drugs by patients, and the development of individual patient  
treatment plans that may include recommendations for improved medication compliance  
and improved lifestyle and behavioral compliance. The adoption of a disease  
management program is not an agency action and does not require rulemaking.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.